GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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CONSTRUCTION OF NHS IN NER
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details and status of projects for construction of highways implemented under the 11th Five Year Plan and 12th Five Year Plan in the North −Eastern Region(NER) including Sikkim, State wise;

(b) whether there has been any delay in completion of the said projects; and

(c) if so, reasons therefor and the steps taken by the Government to ensure timely completion of the projects, project-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI KRISHANPAL GURJAR)

(a) to (c) The projects for construction of highways are under implementation in the North −Eastern Region (NER) including Sikkim under Special Accelerated Road Development Programme in North East (SARDP-NE) Phase A and Arunachal Package. In the 11th Five Year Plan, an allocation of the Rs.6350 crore was made, against which an expenditure of Rs.4970 crore had been incurred and in the 12th Five Year Plan an allocation of Rs 25400 crore has been proposed, out of which an expenditure of Rs. 5287.19 crore has been incurred so far. In addition to this under National Highway (Original), in the 11th Five Year Plan and 12th Five Year Plan, works sanctioned are 241 Nos. amounting to Rs.4555.45 crore and 118 Nos. amounting to Rs.944.47 crore respectively. As regards works under the National Highway Development Project (NHDP) in the NER, on East West Corridor having length of 670km, four lanning has been completed in 544km and two laning completed in 31 km. Besides a length of 102 km has been awarded for implementation under NHDP Phase III. The delays in construction of National Highways (NHs) are attributed to various reasons such as poor performance by the contractors, land acquisition, shifting of utilities, environment & forest clearance, approval of rail over bridges, law & order problem, heavy rains, land sliding as well as shortage of skilled & semi-skilled manpower and economic slowdown. The achievement of targets is being monitored closely and these Projects are periodically reviewed at the field level as well as the at Head Quarters.